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Sincerely,

Darian A. Johnson

From: Darian A. Johnson

To: United States Patent and Trademark Office

**Attention: Boyer D. Ashley or Allan N. Shoap
Examiner of Patents**

In regards to: Patent Application NO. 10/796,761

Dear Mr. Ashley or Mr. Shoap

I am questioning the reasoning behind why my patent has been rejected? In regards to the questionable blade at hand that is not allowing my patent to be finalized, or other said arguments that is your reasoning behind why my patent isn't being allowed, first, I am a skilled trade worker, so I have developed something that I feel and has helped me with various jobs I do. I don't know as to whether my patent attorneys have told you that I am the owner of a small corporation that is currently selling the utility blade that you have rejected. Although we have just recently started to sell this particular utility blade, we have had very good responses from the stores we have sold to.

Crownline Boat Factory located in West Frankfort, IL. have been using this particular utility knife blade and have had great revues and responses as to how well it works. For starters, the main purchasing agent, Mark Robinson stated that the product outlasts and out cuts typical straight edged utility blades 4:1, not only that, but my utility blade also alleviates the pain of Corporal Tunnel, a very bad medical condition. My utility blade does this because it was designed to eliminate the dragging or pulling of a utility blade through the material being cut.

In regards to the Medhurst utility blade (Design patent #455,057) although it is somewhat similar to ours, being knowledgeable and skilled in construction trades, I feel that there is no medical benefit to their product, meaning in reference to the arcs and flat spots on the blade. Granted the blade is close to being serrated, but yet is not, the arcs may ease in cutting different surfaces, but being also flat in spots, this product will cause drag that tends to lead to Corporal Tunnel after repeated use.

So my utility blade outlast and outperform utility blades on the market today, it has medical benefits as well.

In regards to not being "skilled in the art of" as you stated in your rejection, I feel that I am very skilled in the designing of this product, due to the fact that I have worked construction for over 9 years now.

As for the repeatable retractable knives AKA utility knives, my utility blade was designed to fit in all made available to the public market.

In regards to the other artwork that shows serrated lock back knives, those are what most people deem as "pocket knives" not "utility knives." Therefore that should classify my invention in a different category.

Please understand that I am not a legal attorney and that all the criteria I have listed, I done so under my own free will, not under any legal advise. So after having said these things that I feel that my attorney failed to mention, I am pleading with you to please reconsider your final rejection of my patent. If you like, I can send you a pack of my utility blades so that you may see for yourself how well they work and how long they last. If you like you may correspond with me, via fax. 618-357-2985 I am currently working construction in St. Louis, MO. I do not get home until late in the evening. So I cannot call and discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,


Darian A. Johnson